The South 40

By JAMES SMITH
Extension Agent

Several events are coming up this month that will interest you. Appomattox Dairymen's Association meets Monday, October 17, 7:00 p.m. at Maude's Restaurant. Gene McNabb with Farm Credit and Bennett Cassell, Extension Dairymen, are on the program.

Tuesday, October 18, Appomattox Cattlemen's Association meets at Locust Grove Farm (James Ford), 6:30 P.M. Bev Davis with Purina and Dr. John Gerken, Extension Animal Scientist will provide the program.

If you plan to attend, it's necessary to call in so that feeding arrangements can be made. Dairy call-- Dennis Torrence 352-5622, Cattlemen call John Harrison 352-2245.

If you hold a commercial pesticide applicator's permit and it needs to be re-certified, all holders, except Category 7, can be re-certified Tuesday, October 25, Old Campus School or J.P. Wynn Building, Longwood College, Farmville. Program begins at 9:30 and concludes at 3:00 P.M.

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The Southern Piedmont Forage Conference will be held here (Appomattox) after the first of the year. Details will be available later.

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For the second year I'm still impressed with the Travis Sweet Potato. I had 100 plants under black plastic with no irrigation and harvested four bushels. This is down from the nine bushels harvested in 1982.

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Re-cycling oil is a good program for everyone to become involved. There are four good reasons: 1. It protects your water. 2. It preserves your energy resources. 3. It's illegal to dump your oil. 4. It's easier than you think.

Studies show that each year over 4,400,000 gallons of used oil are disposed of improperly by do-it-yourself oil changes in Virginia alone. Just one gallon of oil can form an oil slick of nearly eight acres in size. As little as one quart of oil, when completely dissolved or dispersed in water, can contaminate up to 2,000,000 gallons of drinking water, depending on individual taste and odor sensitivity.

By reprocessing the 4.4 million gallons of used oil, it could be used to heat the equivalent of 6000 Virginia homes for an entire year. Or, it could be refined. Refined oil is as good as or better than virgin oil.

Discharge of oil into or upon the waters of the Commonwealth is prohibited. As a violator, you could be held liable for the cost of clean-up, and if you fail to report a discharge, you may be subject to civil penalties.

Collection centers have been established at local service stations to accept used oil collected from autos, motorcycles, boats, lawn mowers and tractors. Collection centers in Appomattox County are: Appomattox Service Center, Routes 460 and 131, Appomattox and Pamplin Exxon Servicenter.

I would urge that you use these centers to dispose of your old oil.

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It's time to fertilize lawns with 10-10-10 at 15 pounds per 1000 square feet. If you haven't had the soil tested in three to four years, better pull a sample--you may need some lime.

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Sod webworm adults are flying on a number of lawns. Treatment this late in the season is questionable.

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Within the next four weeks lawns should be treated for weeds. There are several products on the market – 2,4-D, Dicamba, 2,4-D + Dicamba, Mecoprop (MCPP), 2,4-D + Mecoprop, 2, 4-D+ Mecoprop + Dicamba, 2,4-D+ dichlorprop and Bromoxynil for newly seeded turfgrass. Which do you choose? Depends on your weed problem. Be careful using Dicamba, it's a good herbicide, but it can injure trees and shrubs.

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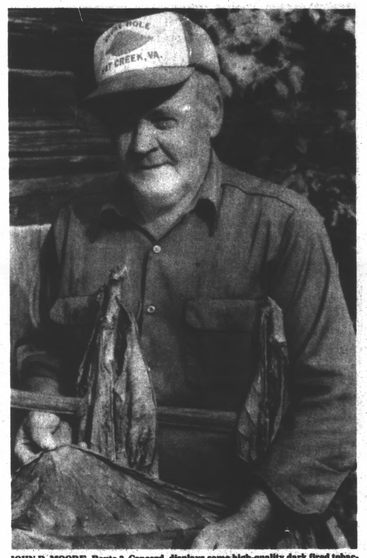
There's an exciting new nematicide/insecticide that is systemic. It's called Oxamyl. For nematodes and leaf miners on boxwood, it is very effective. Use in spring at the rate of 1.4 to 1.9 pounds 1000 square feet and apply one inch water by irrigation to move the 10G Oxamyl into the soil.



JOHN P. MOORE, Route 2, Concord, displays some high-quality dark fired tobacco. Moore says the cut stretched leaf will grade a C1F. Moore and his sons, Jimmy and Jerry have harvested 12 acres of tobacco. (Photo by James A. Smith)

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK A. SWEET

Seventy-four percent of the 4-H officers at Appomattox Elementary School took part in an officer trianing meeting last week. The purpose of the 4-H officer training session was to help the newly elected officers get off to a good start in their new jobs. Thanks to Brett Marston, April Talbot and Paul Humbles who assisted with the workshop.

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A display of 4-H project materials will be available for parents to look at during the AES PTA meeting on Thursday evening of this week. The reason for such a display will be to provide the 4-H parents with a chance to review various projects that are now available for young people. In this way, parents will hopefully encourage their children with the 4-H project work.

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Last year's completed 4-H projects are due in the Appomattox Extension Office not later than Friday, October 21. Each completed project that is turned in will receive a ribbon award based on the Danish system. Under this judging system, each project is reviewed for completeness, accuracy and neatness and ribbons awarded accordingly.

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The annual 4-H Business Management Workshop will be held on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10 at the Virginia Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone. The Business Management Workshop is open to teenagers from 14-19 years of age. The workshop helps young people learn how businesses operate with emphasis on planning, organizing, budgeting, production, merchandising, scheduling, record keeping and evaluation. This year's business records will be kept on computers as the teenagers will learn how businesses can use computers. Applications and details are available from the Appomattox Extension Office.

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4-H'ers and their parents still have time to sign up for the Virginia Hunter Safety Course which will be taught Oct. 25, 26, and 27. Each session will last from 7 until 9 p.m. in the evening. Sign up forms will be given out at October 4-H meetings or you may call the Extension Office at 352-8244.

Pamplin AARP to meet

The Pamplin Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 12 noon in the Friendship Hall of the Pamplin United Methodist Church.

A large attendance is expected to hear Virginia Babcock, who is our executive director of the Department of Social Services for this county, give a talk on food nutrition for the elderly and its expansion and eligibility; also on the activities of the Central Virginia Commission on Aging.

There will be a pot luck luncheon and a short business meeting will follow.

Three serve on state panel

Robert G. Stewart, chairman of the School Board; Dennis Torrence, past-chairman of the General Advisory Council; and Lloyd G. Walton, division superintendent of Appomattox County Schools were members of a panel that participated in a state meeting on "Effective Utilization of General Advisory Councils", held recently at Valley Vocational Technical Center, Fisherville, Virginia.

The workshop for approximately twenty school divisions in the area was designed to help school division personnel and advisory council members to become familiar with what other advisory councils are doing. The three persons from the Appomattox County school division were on a panel chaired by George S. Orr, Jr., executive director of the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education with the topic of "Relationship Between the Vocational Advisory Council and the School Board". Other sessions included "Utilization of Council in Development of Annual Plan" and "Swap Shop".

Dr. John S. Davis, State Superintendent of Schools, was the luncheon speaker for the affair. He stresses the need for advisory groups and pointed out how important such groups are for effective programs of vocational education in local school divisions.

Also, in attendance at the workshop was Richard B. Carter, director of vocational education in Appomattox County.

JERRY WOMACK (right), president of the Pamplin Ruritan Club is shown presenting a check in the amount of $200.00 from the Pamplin Ruritans to Weldon Covington, (left) for the Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department.

The Raider Review

By LaDELL WRIGHT

Once again, ACHS students will have a week of strange and different activities. Most students enjoy the "Spirit Week" which leads to the Homecoming game.

Spirit Week consists of the five school days preceding the Homecoming football game. Each day of the week the students are asked to dress a certain way, in accordance with the day.

This year Spirit Week activities will be varied. Monday was "cool day". Students wore sunglasses and tried to be as cool as possible. Tuesday is "Pie Day". Students sport their Sunday best and receive points for wearing ties or not wearing jeans. "Lumberjack Day" is scheduled for Thursday. Many Students will dress in boots and flannel shirts. Each year Spirit Week ends with School Colors Day. The student body will be dressed in the colors of red, blue, and gray. Wednesday's activity has not been formally announced but there is a possibility that it will be "Mix And Match Day."

Each class is awarded points for participation in each days activities and at the end of the week the class with the highest percentage of participation will be proclaimed the winner.

Spirit Week consists of more than the daily class competition. Throughout the week, each class will be making Spirit Chains as well as working on projects for the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Spirit Chains are chains of construction paper links. A link is added to each class chain for each ten cents donation by each class member. All money collected goes into that class treasury.

Each class has a different color chain. The Senior Class Chain is blue; Juniors have a red chain; Sophmores use gray while the Freshmans class uses white for its chain.

Also during Spirit Week, many students created their class pep rally banner and costume. The winning banner will be displayed at Friday's Homecoming football game.

Afterds the pep rally on Friday afternoon, most students will line Main Street, with other students of our community, to watch the annual Homecoming parade. The parade will feature a band, clowns, and floatsds. Most floats will follow the Homecoming theme "Smokey Bear Can't Save The Forest!"

After the parade, most Raider fans will head for Bragg Stadium where the Raider football team (1-3-1 in the district) will take on the Jefferson Forest Cavaliers (1-4).

At half-time the Homecoming Court will be introduced and the 1983-84 Homecoming Queen will be announced.

Homecoming activities will conclude Saturday night with the Homecoming Dance. The dance, held in the ACHS cafeteria will last from 8 p.m. until midnight. Music will be provided by Sir Charles.

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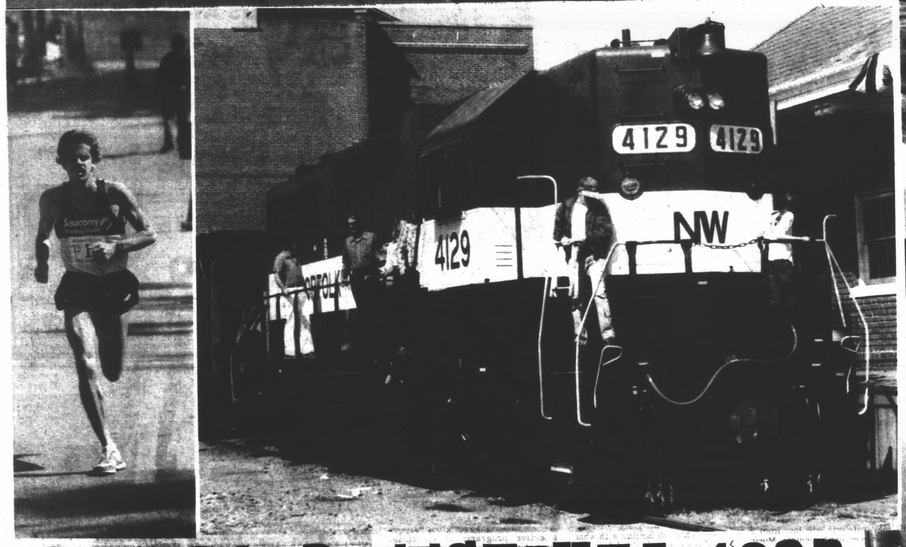

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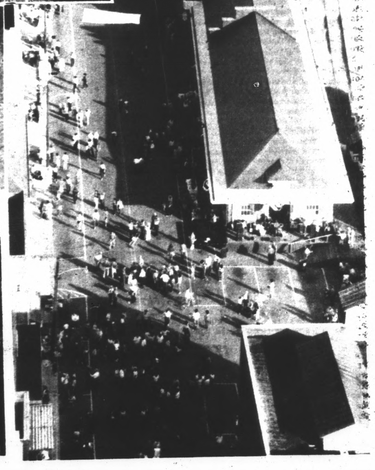

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